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Mr. Joshua Lederberg  
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Dear Mr. Lederberg:

Genes, Radiation, and Society, by Elof Axel Carlson, is the first biography of the Nobel Prize-winning geneticist H. J. Muller, who first showed that exposure to radiation will produce mutations in living organisms. Because of your extensive work in genetics, I thought you might enjoy reading and commenting on Carlson's forthcoming book. I have enclosed bound proof, hoping that this is so.

✓ We would be very grateful for a short statement of your opinion of the book to aid our promotional efforts. Since we work under the exigencies of a very tight schedule, your response within the next month would be appreciated.

Thank you very much. The book is due to be published in December. We will, of course, send you a finished copy.

Yours sincerely,

Claudia Fuchs  
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Enclosure

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Thank you.  
I am much appreciative receiving the  
proof; but I am afraid my schedule gives me  
no leeway to read the book and prepare a comment on  
this. Certainly mine is better qualified than  
Dr. Carlson; the subject is a personality of  
profound interest; and I am  
impressed by what I see  
of the documentation.  
Sincerely,  
J. J.